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### July 9, 1996 LLCGS (Lincoln Lancaster County Genealogical Society)

Dick Administration Building (Lower Level) Union College Campus

7:00 p.m.

### July 15, 1996 AHSGR Board Meeting

AHSGR Headquarters Building

7:00 p.m.

### July 20, 1996 PAF-LUG (Personal Ancestral File-Lincoln Users Group)

Family Service Center 3100 Old Cheney Road

7:00 p.m.

## UNSER LEUTE

### DER JAHRSTAG (HAPPY ANNIVERSARY)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

July 6, 1957	Lois and Phil Sorensen	39 years
July 12, 1941	Dorothy and Jake Sinner	55 years
July 14, 1944	Jeanne and Henry Niederhaus	52 years
July 16, 1941	Virginia and James Amen	55 years
July 16,	Dorothy and Henry Gruenemeier	
July 26, 1946	June and Al Kuper	50 years
July 30,	Jan and Gerald Harris	

### GEBURTSTAG (HAPPY BIRTHDAY)

July 1, June Kuper	July 2, Jeanne Niederhaus
July 8 Esther Heckman	July 11 Ann Meier
July 13 Jolene McInnis	July 17 John Lebsock
July 18 Ruth Nuss	July 19 Benjamin Deines
July 21 May Ament	July 21 Albert Hehn
July 22 Marty Kaufman	July 24 Virginia Dietrich
July 25 Katherine Wilcox	July 26 Mary (Hardt) Schneider
July 29 Gladys Herstein	

"Laughter is a tranquilizer without side effects".

Arnold H. Glasgow



## **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

Recently we have had problems with one of our computer programs which we have used to write this Newsletter. Within that program we lost our "Spell Checker". When this program installed correctly, we can go through our Newsletter and correct our misspelled words.

As I have Kathy Schultz, the Executive Director at AHSGR, go through the Newsletter to correct other errors ( not necessarily spelling), she will catch the misspelled words too. She had gotten quite a laugh out of the fact that I personally cannot spell very well and do depend on the Spell Checker to correct my misspellings.

For this Newsletter she hands me this poem! If your not familiar with computer programs, just remember that if a word is spelled correctly, even if it use in an incorrect way the Spell Checker will pass it by. Out of 225 words in the following poem, there are 123 that are incorrect, but not a singlre one is misspelled.

After I typed the poem into this letter, I used my new Spell Checker and the only one it said was incorrect was "Zar" . I hope you get as big a kick out of it as I did! If you read it aloud you'll understand!

### **An owed to the Spell Checker**

**By Jarrold B. Zar**

**I have a Spelling Checker.  
It came with my PC.  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss steaks aye can knot sea.**

**Eye ran this poem threw it,  
Your sure real glad two no,  
Its vary polished in it's weigh  
My checker tolled me sew.**

**A checker is a bless sing,  
It freeze yew lodes of thyme,  
It helps me right awl stiles two read,  
And aides me when aye rime**

**Each frays come posed up on my screen  
Eye trussed too be e a joule  
The checker pours o'er every word  
To cheque sum spelling rule.**

**Bee fore a veiling checkers  
Hour spelling mite decline,  
And if we're lacks oar have a laps,  
Wee wood bee maid too wine.**



But now bee cause my spelling  
Is checked with such grate flare,  
Their are know faults with in my site,  
Of nun eye am a wear.

Now spelling does knot phase me.  
It does knot bring a tier.  
My pay purrs awl due glad den  
When wrapped words fare as hear.

To rite with car is quite a feet  
Of witch won should bee proud,  
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,  
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

Sow ewe can sea why aye dew prays  
Such soft wear four pea seas,  
Any way eye brake in two averse  
Buy righting watt eye pleas.

At the convention this year, which ended this past week, two diskettes were introduced that you might be interested in. These disks are entire books on a disk where you could look up any time or event or name. For example: In Karl Stumpp's book, if I were to wish to find any Dobler who migrated to Russia during this book's dates, I could bring up every Dobler in the book or if I really didn't know the spelling of some one's name, event or the time when it occurred, I could put in a portion of it such 'Dob' and the computer would bring up every name strating with Dob.... These two diskettes are:

Karl Stumpp's book entitled "The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the Years 1763 to 1862"

Adam Geisinger's book, "From Catherine to Khrushchev"

Another item OK'd by the International board was to bring 4000 pages of documentation from the Ukraine which will give us information on the individuals families that settled in the Black Sea Area.

Within the last couple of years, we have had the records of the 100 colonies that were established in the Volga River Region.

Now we will have access to those same kind of records from the Black Sea Region.

### Toast

I hope we all have had an oppportunity to "toast" some one recently! Did you ever wonder where "Toasting" came from? Who invented the "Toast" and does it have any thing to do with bread? The Romans!

The custom of offering up a salutation before drinking came from the ancient Roman practice of dropping a small square of toast into an alcoholic beverage to soak up any lingering sediments before drinking. The saluation was offered while the bread did it's work. These so called "toast speeches" were kept brief, however, lest the toast sit there too long and began breaking up. It was the custom of the host not only to peresent this toast but also to take the first sip in order to prove to his guests that the drink was not rancid or poisoned.

.From the book "Did You Ever Wonder?" by Jeff Rovin..



## Mary Froscheiser

Mary was born in Lincoln August 2, 1914, to Margaret (Filbert) and Martin Roh. It is interesting to note that the house in which she was born still stands. Although the house no longer is used as a home, it is still part of the Lincoln South Bottoms. After the Roh's moved from the home it was used as an office for Rudy Amen's Coal Business, and later still, became an office for another local company.

Mary had two brothers and three sisters. The oldest boy died as a child, leaving Mary as the oldest. Two sisters are still with us. Pete, the other brother, and one sister, Lydia, who lived in California have now passed away.

Mary's school days were all in Lincoln. Her first year she attended a Lutheran parochial school at 8th and "D". She then transferred to Longfellow School, (which no longer stands). Her 7th and 8th grades were to be at Park School, but due to Park School being torn down and rebuilt, the students had to return to Longfellow. From Park, she went to McKinley, (which does not exist today). One thing Mary remembers about this school is that in order for her to attend Home Economics, she had to go to Capitol school. After her 8th grade her new school was Irving Junior, which was the first year that school was operating. (Irving is still a Junior High, but considerably larger than when Mary attended).

From Junior High, Mary did attend and graduate from Lincoln High in 1930.

As soon as she graduated, she went to work for Kresge's as a sales lady. In addition to working here she also worked at Woolworth's for a while, until 1940, when she retired to raise her family.

On April 14, 1935 she was married to Alex Froscheiser.

Alex was already working for the Burlington Northern Railroad, first as a hosteler, then fireman, and later as an Engineer.

Prior to that, Alex had worked some times for the railroad, but it was a very seasonal work schedule, so Alex worked from 1929 until 1935 for Frey and Frey's Greenhouse, along with his railroad job..

Alex continued to work for Burlington Northern Railroad as an Engineer until his retirement 1975.

Alex passed away this past year on March 10, 1995.

As a member of AHSGR, Alex was one of the many members who has had his photo taken at the Annual Conventions as a member who had been born in Russia. Alex had been born in 1911 in Biedeck, Russia, arriving in Lincoln with his parents when he was 9 months old.

To this marriage two children were born, Judith and Curtis.

Judith attended Lincoln schools graduating from Northeast high. She then attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Nursing. Today she one of the supervisors at Lincoln Manor.

Judith has two children, Paul and Gail.

Paul has become quite an swimming athlete, winning many medals. This past summer he tried out for the summer Olympics, coming in third. As only the top two from each country are allowed to participate he lost out. A trophy which he won by in the 1995-1996 U.S. Open sits on Mary's mantel Mary got it from Paul as a Christmas present this past year.

Paul plans on returning to college this fall at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He has been specializing in Child Psychology, working with disadvantaged children. This summer, he is one of the counselors at a Disadvantaged Children's Camp.



Gail is working on her master's in Sports Administration at the University of Kansas. Today she is interning with the Kansas City Hockey team. Her plans are to further her education and go on for her Ph.D.

Curtis also graduated from North East high School, and entered University of Nebraska at Lincoln Teacher's College, from which he graduated. In his senior year at the University, he applied and got a job with the railroad. He knew this is what he really wanted to do, so after graduation, he started working first as a fireman then as engineer. In 1979, he took a test for an office position. Within days he received a call to go Aurora, Illinois, then later he transferred to Olatha, Kansas, and still later to Spokane, Washington where today he is Terminal Manager for the Burlington Northern Railroad..

Curtis is married to Mary Jo Jacobs, a Lincoln native. They have two children, Nicholas Alexander who is 15 and Joshua who is 13.

Mary's parents had moved from Shilling Russia prior to her birth. They came to Nebraska as they had three brothers living here.

One of those brothers moved to Montana where he took up farming.

Another returned to Russia, because all of their family was in Russia.

Mary has been active in many things. One of her interests are Quilting. She not only belongs to a Quilting group at her church, but another one that ties quilts for shipment to other nations who have areas of need. She also organized a quilting group of nine women that meet at Headquarters, where they do quilting for different individuals, the proceeds of which are given to the Lincoln Chapter, or to the Society. One of the quilts each year becomes part of the raffle at our annual Broda Dinner.

Several years ago, they held an raffle for a quilt at the Convention, which netted the Society over \$3000.00. Most don't have that high a return in price, but as she says "it was nice to know that I helped contribute to that sum".

In addition to her quilting, she is interested in her church's ladies group, and in past years has helped in many areas, such as teaching Sunday School, Confirmation Classes

She has served as President for 4 years and Secretary for three years for the local AHSGR chapter.

She also was a member of the International Board of AHSGR, serving two, three year terms and also an additional year for a lady who had to resign for a total of seven years. While a member of the International Board she served as Membership Chairman for most of that time.

Today you will most likely find her at one of the several places where she will be actively engaged in quilting someone's quilt, whether at Headquarters or in her church.

**YOU HAVE TO COUNT ON LIVING EVERY SINGLE DAY  
IN A WAY YOU BELIEVE WILL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD  
ABOUT YOUR LIFE- SO THAT IF IT WERE OVER TOMORROW,  
YOU'D BE CONTENT WITH YOURSELF"**

**SEYMOUR**





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